

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U.S. TELCO, INC.	DOCKET NO. TCU-97-38
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ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL

(Issued May 29, 2001)

On December 4, 1997, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order approving the application of U.S. Telco, Inc. (U.S. Telco), to provide local exchange service in Iowa. The application was identified as Docket No. TCU-97-38. The order stated that U.S. Telco was required to file proposed tariffs before it would be granted a certificate to provide local exchange service.

On May 21, 2001, U.S. Telco filed a request to withdraw its application. The Board finds that the withdrawal of the application is reasonable. The application filed by U.S. Telco was approved over three years ago and proposed tariffs have not been filed to complete the process. If proposed tariffs were filed after this passage of time, additional information about the company would have to be obtained. It is preferable that the company withdraw the application and reapply when it is prepared to complete the process and obtain a certificate to provide local exchange service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request to withdraw the application to provide local exchange service in Iowa, filed by U.S. Telco, Inc., on May 21, 2001, is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of May, 2001.